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I'm uncomfortable when a major American corporation is about to be hog-tied or split up. Microsoft has been a major innovator in the software industry. The market has not been hurt by it's dominance. On the contrary, Microsoft's competitors are major businesses in their own rights.

The benefits to leaving Microsoft intact and unrestrained are:

1. Microsoft sets the standard in the software industry.
2. It is constantly innovating and improving its products.
3. Microsoft products face competition in every facet of the industry.
4. Any settlement that harms Microsoft will damage it's employees and the industry as a whole.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this settlement.

Sincerely,  
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